



KALIHI – PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 15

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006 KAPALAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Bernie Young called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. without a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Purcell, Jesusa Ronne, Casey Sakai, Tracy Sakai, and Bernie Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Akamine, Calvin Konno, Ken Harding, Jamie Harvest-Silva, Irene Takizawa, and Shane Yaw.

GUESTS: Darryn Ng, Karl Rhoads (Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 member), Senator Gordon Trimble, Kristi Sue-Ako (Senator Trimble's Staff); Dennis Galolo (Councilmember Cachola's staff); Capt. Terry Cano (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD); Major Randy Macadangdang, Lt. Lester Hite, Sgt. Somera, and Captain Grossi (Honolulu Police Department – HPD); Kawehi Yim and Kauai Hilo (Board of Water Supply); Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Lauren Oakland, Representative Corinne Ching, Anna Lauren Lerner, Dr. Stuart Lerner, Jake Manegdeg (Representative Abinsay's staff), Lorraine Robinson (TJ Mahoney & Associates), Ross Tsuekenjo (Senator Donna Mercado Kim's staff); Brian Sekiguchi and Sidney Hayakawa (Honolulu International Airport); Sandy Yahiro (Governor's Representative); Joey Manahan (Neighborhood Commission office staff).

DEFERRAL OF AGENDA ITEMS: Chair Young announced that agenda items requiring votes have to be deferred until there is the required quorum of 10 members present out of the total of 19 seats.

ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES THREE VACANCIES IN SUBDISTRICT 1, TWO VACANCIES IN SUBDISTRICT 2 AND THREE VACANCIES IN SUBDISTRICT 3 – Chair Young deferred the item due to the absence of a voting quorum.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS – Chair Young asked for general concern issues from the community:

1. Karl Rhoads reported that there are homeless who have returned to reside underneath the Olomea Street Bridge.
2. Darryn Ng reported there are overgrown kukui nut trees at Lo'ikalo Park. Debris from the trees is clogging the lo'i.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD) – Sgt. Somera reported the statistics for the month of April: 0 homicides, 0 sex offense, 0 robbery, 2 burglary, 3 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle UEMV's, 1 motor vehicle thefts, 1 assault, 15 MVC, 1 drug/narcotics, 0 family offenses, 88 arguments, 0 DUI, and 2 graffiti.

Sgt. Somera also warned people to lock their doors at home and in their cars in order to prevent burglaries.

Major Randy Macadangdang introduced himself as the new commander for district 1, and he is working out of the Honolulu main office. Major Macadangdang also warned pedestrians to walk defensively even when using a crosswalk. Seven out of ten motor vehicle collisions last month involved pedestrians.

Lt. Lester Hite from the Kalihi Station reported the following statistics: 7 stolen vehicles, 28 UEMV's, 8 robberies 7 burglaries, 7 DUI, 13 family offenses, 2 drinking in public, and 1 sexual assault.

Lt. Hite also reported the following: a) a warrant was issued for reported drug activity from a van parked on Kohou Street. Arrests were made. b) On May 14th a motorcycle was stolen, and the suspect was apprehended.



c) Arrests were also made on May 8th for an assault and robbery that took place on Kohou Street where the victim's eyelids had been cut.

The Chair thanked HPD for their reports.

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD) – Captain Cano reported the following statistics for the month of April: 5 structure fires, 5 brush, 4 rubbish, 7 vehicles 57 medical, 9 search and rescues, and 7 miscellaneous calls.

Capt. Cano reported that HFD will be using the news media for HFD's public service announcements (PSA). Using the media is a more effective method of delivering the message and it is also more cost effective.

Fire Safety Tip: Prepare a fire escape plan. Map out escape routes with at least two ways out of each room. Designate a location outside of the house where everyone can meet. Know where the closest phone is located to call 911.

The Chair thanked Capt. Cano for his report.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS) – Kawehi Yim distributed the monthly report and highlighted the following:

1. There was one water main break on the 1400 block of Kam IV Road. The 6 inch cast iron main was 103 years old and due for replacement. Work will begin immediately.
2. Yim thanked all those who participated in the BWS poster contest and congratulated the winners.
3. New mains were installed in Kalihi Street and work on the peripheral streets will commence. Yim warned that due to the asphalt shortage, repair work in this area and in other areas may be affected.
4. BWS is increasing its rates by 30% due to rising costs in electricity. Electrical power is needed to deliver water to and from peoples' homes.

The Chair thanked Yim for attending the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Keoki Miyamoto submitted his report to the Chair, but he was unable to attend the meeting. The Chair read the following report

1. Rubbish and bulky items from both the businesses and apartment residents along School Street sidewalk, by Kam IV Road fronting Kuhio Park Terrace, are being placed on the sidewalks too early for City pickup. The City Department of Planning & Permitting (DPP) spoke to business and residents that items must be placed along the sidewalk the night before scheduled City pickup. This will be referred to Department of Environmental Services (ENV).
2. A mango tree growing within the embankment of Kalihi Stream is not under the maintenance jurisdiction of the City Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR). The City Department of Facility Maintenance, Road Division DFM/DRM) is investigating task of removing tree.
3. Bulky pick up of tires and batteries at 1209 Auld Lane was removed on April 24, 2006.
4. The debris on Kohou Street along Kapalama Canal belongs to the homeless people that live in the area. No removal of rubbish was made.
5. All items from the corner of Rawlins and Auld lanes were removed on May 3, 2006.

BOARD RECESS: Chair Young declared a recess at 7:40 p.m. for refreshments; Chair Young reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 19, FEBRUARY 16, MARCH 16, APRIL 20, MAY 18, JUNE 15, JULY 20, AUGUST 17, SEPTEMBER 21, OCTOBER 19, NOVEMBER 16 2005, JANUARY 18, 2006 and FEBRUARY 15, MARCH 15, AND APRIL 17, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Chair Young deferred the item due to lack of quorum.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, AND OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2005, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2006 TREASURER'S REPORTS – Chair Young deferred the item due to lack of quorum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

PRESENTATION:

AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – Brian Sekeguchi, Deputy Director of Airports and Sidney Hayakawa, Federal Security Director for the Honolulu International Airport, reported the following:

This modernization plan is designed to meet diverse needs – from security to convenience to efficiency – and to do so with the aloha that our visitors and residents expect and deserve.

Short-term projects, within the next five years, include upgrades to the passenger terminals, ticket counters, baggage screening operations, runways and airport aprons, airport infrastructure such as air-conditioning, restroom facilities, elevators, escalators, electrical systems, drains and sprinkler systems.

In addition, the plan incorporates improvements to comply with federal regulations on storm water systems, runway safety, perimeter security and crash fire safety, the release said.

Long-term improvement projects include: constructing additional gates, ramp space and passenger loading bridges, increasing holding room capacity, and expanding public parking facilities.

The proposed upgrades will be paid for entirely by airport fees and federal funds, and will not utilize any State general funds.

Sidney Hayakawa, Federal Security Director for the Honolulu International Airport distributed his report and gave tips on how to facilitate security screening when traveling. Hayakawa also noted that screeners look for explosives or anything that may be hazardous to the entire aircraft. In response to a question from the Chair regarding what is done with confiscated scissors, Hayakawa replied that they are donated to public schools.

Brian Sekiguchi also advised that the summer travel season is approaching. Due to decreased airfares and other travel incentives, airport officials expect an increase in airport and passenger traffic. Please plan accordingly.

The Chair thanked Sekiguchi and Hayakawa for attending the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Chair Young noted that elected officials are invited to participate based on the rule of three minutes per speaker (strictly enforced) and that a short written report is appreciated.

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Sandy Yahiro from the State Department of Taxation (DOTax) distributed the Governor's report and highlighted the following – the DOTax is offering flood relief for victims of the recent rains as a result of the President declaring a state of emergency for flood-affected areas in the State of Hawaii. 2005 tax returns may be amended to receive these benefits from the State. For more information please call DOTax at 587-4242 or toll free at 1800-222-3229 or email taxpayer.services@hawaii.gov.

Questions, answers, and comments:

In response to Dennis Galolo's question regarding when tax returns will be received, Yahiro replied that she would check for him.

The Chair thanked Yahiro for attending the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER ROMY CACHOLA – Dennis Galolo distributed Councilmember Cachola's monthly report and highlighted the following:

1. The Council held their monthly meeting in Brigham young University (BYU) on the North Shore in an outreach effort to bring City government to the people.
2. The City is looking for individuals and or groups and organizations to adopt two parks in the district, Kalihi-Waena and Mokuea Mini Park. For information on the adopt a park program 692-5852.
3. The Sunset in Kalihi will be held on June 17 and 18 at Kalakua District Park. All are encouraged to attend the event and be involved in the planning meetings being held at Kalakaua District Park every Thursday.

The Chair thanked Galolo for attending the meeting.

SENATOR GORDON TRIMBLE – Senator Trimble distributed his written report and highlighted the following:

The budget surplus grew towards the end of the session from \$580 million to \$700 million. In the end, less than six percent was returned to the citizens of Hawaii in the form of an increased standard deduction for the lower income tax bracket. However, the implementation will not take effect immediately as opposed to the remaining 94 percent that is being spent on various projects immediately.

The Chair thanked Senator Trimble for attending the meeting.

SENATOR SAKAMOTO – Cherry Torres distributed the Senator's report and was available for questions.

SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM – Ross Tsuekenjo distributed the Senator's report and was available for questions.

The Chair thanked Tsuekenjo for attending the meeting.

SENATOR SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND – Senator Chun Oakland distributed her report and was available for questions. The Senator highlighted a pie chart in the report of how the Legislature spent funds this year and she will have a legislative update for the Board at the next meeting. The Senator also announced that public hearings will be held by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding the proposed irradiation facility for food processing in Sand Island.

REPRESENTATIVE BEV HARBIN – No representative was present.

REPRESENTATIVE CORINNE CHING – Representative Ching distributed her report and highlighted the following:

1. The Constitutional amendment relating to sexual assault was passed by the Legislature and will appear on the ballot as a referendum for 2006.
2. Various key measures relating to identity theft protection and speeding and racing on highways.
3. The proposed Kuakini Extension lot has been cleaned and the abandoned vehicles have been removed.
4. Encouraged people to attend the ongoing planning meetings for the 'I Love Kalihi' event to take place this summer.

The Chair thanked Representative Ching for her report.

REPRESENTATIVE LYNN FINNEGAN: No representative was present.

REPRESENTATIVE JUN ABINSAY – Jake Manegdeg summarized important measures that were successfully enacted this year. These included two housing omnibus bills, which will help address the homelessness issues facing the State as well as affordable housing issues. Money was also appropriated for flood victims and improvements for irrigation systems statewide. Representative Abinsay was also able to appropriate approximately \$6 million for capital improvement projects in his district along with \$100,000 in grants in aid to the Philippine Centennial Commission for the ongoing Philippine Centennial Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT: With no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Joey Manahan, Neighborhood Commission Office staff